

Westminster Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

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Drug Take Back Program

Date/Time: Saturday April 27, 2013 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster CA 92683
Parking lot of the Westminster Civic Center

Westminster, CA: On April 27, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, the Westminster Police Department will host a **Drug Take-Back** event in the parking lot of the Westminster Civic Center. This event is in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and will occur between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This program will provide an opportunity for members of our community to drop off their expired, unused, and unwanted medications free of charge, with no questions asked. The collected drugs will be destroyed.

“Prescription drugs that languish in home medicine cabinets are highly susceptible to misuse, and abuse by others who come across them”, said Sergeant Cameron Knauerhaze. The rate of prescription drug abuse is at an all time high. According to a survey released by the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, two and a half more people currently abuse prescription drugs than those using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants. This includes information that 1 in 9 High School seniors have abused some type of medication, including those not prescribed to them. The same study shows that a majority of the abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

This **Drug Take-Back** event provides our residents a safe way to dispose of their unwanted medication. The Westminster Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency encourage community members to take this opportunity and participate in this event. The Drug Enforcement Agency has provided two collection boxes and educational material which will be located on the front steps of the Westminster City Hall located at 8200 Westminster Blvd., in the City of Westminster. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Detective Rafaelo Papale at (714) 548-3800 or (714) 898-3315.